

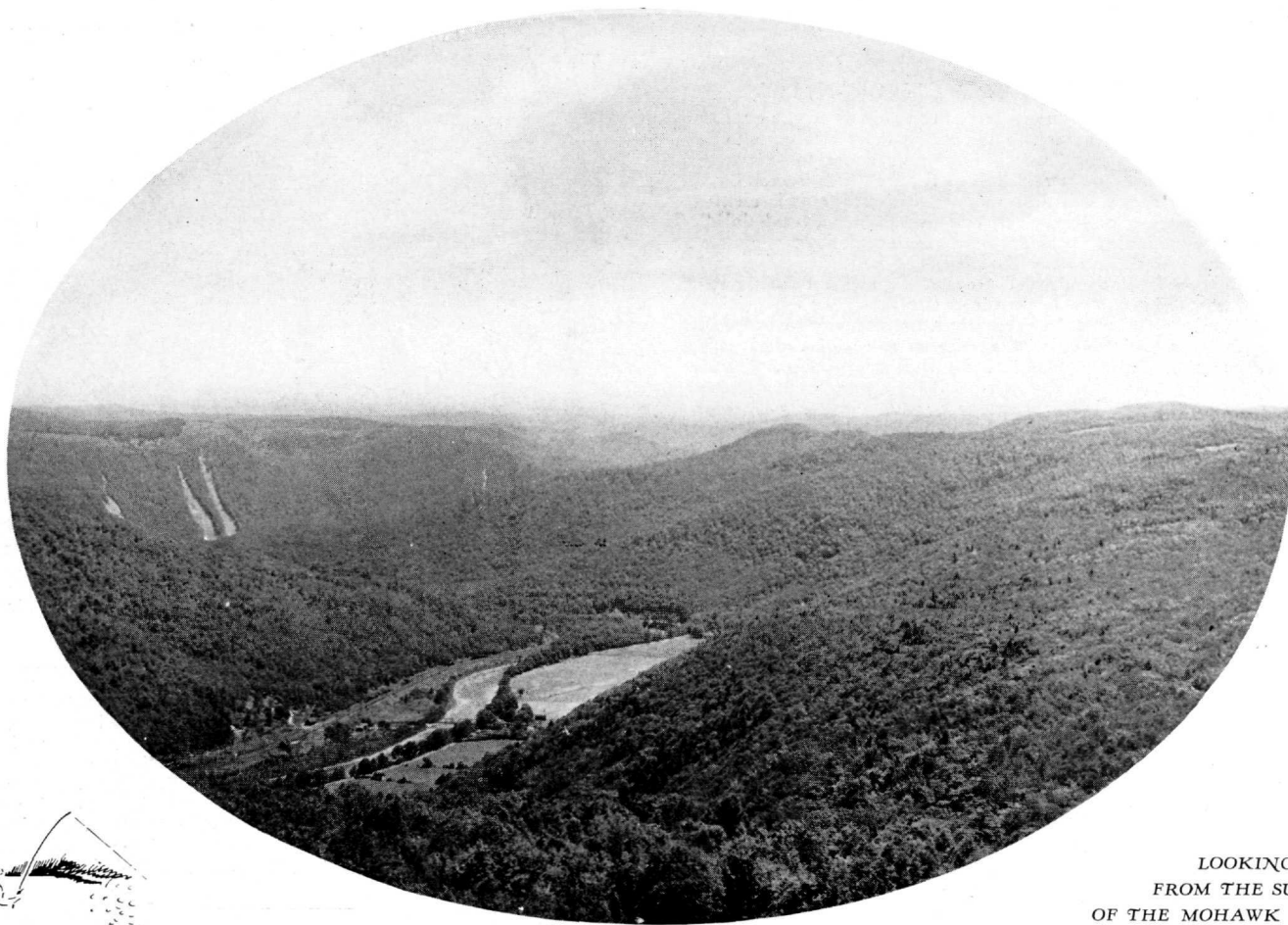


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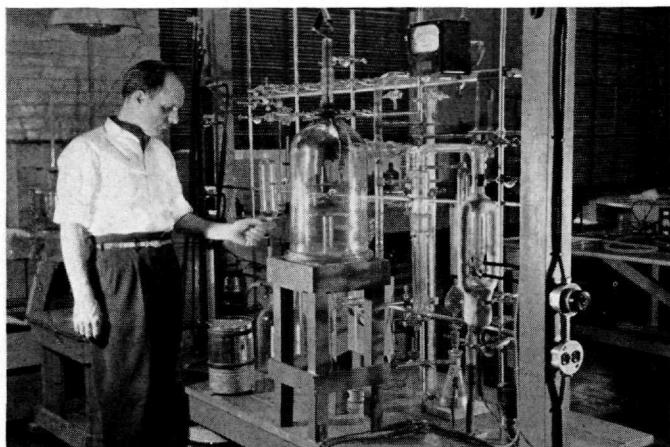
LOOKING EAST  
FROM THE SUMMIT  
OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL

### FOLLOW THE MOHAWK TRAIL!

**H**OW fortunate we are to be able to live and work and play so near to the very heart of nature. Where in this great land can you find more glorious combinations of mountain grandeur, peaceful farmlands, tumbling cascades and gorgeous sunsets than along our Mohawk Trail? The big city may lure us for a short time, but back to our mountains, lakes, forests and streams we come when the days grow long and the glaring white lights lose their gaudy thrill. A cold starry night on a white ski slope, a family picnic

by the lake, or a hot-dog cook-out along the trail with a dozen pals — these are the memories that live long after the blare of the latest name band fades away.

When you write your relatives or friends in the big cities why not boast a little more? Why not tell them about the Mohawk Trail? Tell them about its unrivalled scenery. Tell them they are missing one of the nation's most inspiring spots of natural beauty. And if they are fishermen! But why go on? Just invite them to follow the Mohawk Trail!



HERE WE SEE CLAYTON COLLINS checking the progress of an experiment. The high vacuum system recently installed in our laboratories for research on all types of condensers. One of the uses to which it has already been put is the evaporation of metal films onto insulating materials.

### HOW QUALITY KEEPS UP WITH QUANTITY

Although many fine compliments have been paid us on the quality of our products produced under the defense rush, yet we must keep in mind that today the purchaser is extremely eager to get early delivery. His praise may be partly due to the fact that he has been able to get any delivery at all under the conditions. This is all the more reason why we ourselves, each and every one, should do all we can to keep our quality up to Sprague's high standards.

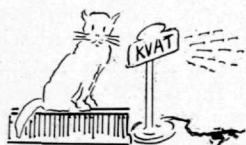
It is pleasing to be able to say that uniform quality, as disclosed by inspection records, has improved greatly and rapidly during the last four months. This is a real compliment to the speed with which many of our newer employees have acquired the knowledge and skill needed to turn out their work with minimum rejections. It is this kind of coöperation and personal interest that typifies America at her best.

#### Inspection Increased as Production Increases

Another way quality production under "all-out" conditions keeps up with quantity is in the matter of outside inspectors. A number of Army, Navy and Western Electric inspectors are at the plant daily, inspecting right on the ground to save time and waste later. Our usual customers have also greatly increased the amount of inspection they do right in our plant. Most of this is usually done at their own plants. But this new method helps in the handling time at their own plants; it also makes sure that unforeseen shortages will not occur in their plants due to rejections or failures.

#### Substitute Materials Problems Studied Closely Test Runs Made for Cost and Performance Ratings

Actually, we are already in production with certain substitutes as many LOG readers know. In other cases the substitutes have been tested and approved and will be stocked, ready for use when the primary material runs out. Naturally, this often means higher costs; but we are using all resources at our command to prepare ahead of time as there are a lot of people dependent upon us today. We have already changed in part from aluminum cans to tin cans for our large "A.C. Dries" and are ready for further substitution if it becomes necessary. For the present, while studying every possible angle of the problem, we are not attempting to make substitution beyond present basic needs. But suggestions are always welcome.



MIKE  
SAYS

"It's a lot easier to keep up than catch up.  
Yes sir, a stern chase is always the hardest.  
So let's get out front and stay there."

### FASTER'N GREASED LIGHTNIN'

The speed-ray camera shoots so fast you see the dent in a football as kicked, a humming bird standing still in mid-air. It even catches a broken teacup on the rebound just after it smashes to bits on the floor. Slow motion movies of these short-short films are almost unbelievable. The camera's amazing feats are made possible in part by a condenser that sends a high voltage charge to ignite the special gas in speed-ray light bulbs that give a flash of only 1/100,000 of a second. While we do not make the condensers for these cameras it is entirely possible for us to do so with our present facilities.

### SUGGESTION AWARDS

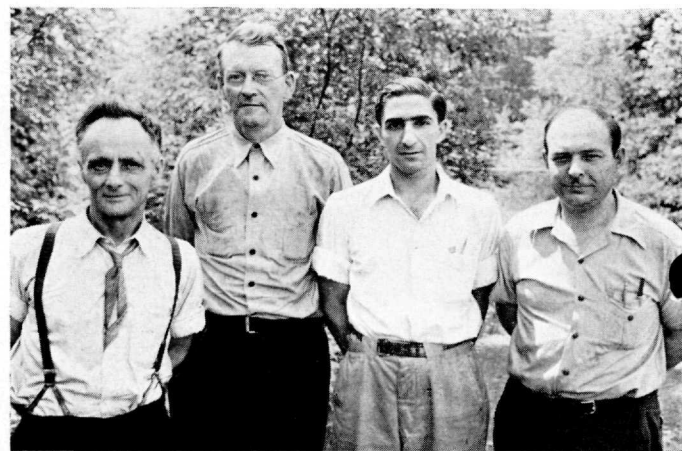
We congratulate these winners on their success and thank them for taking such special interest in making improvements. Also we thank them for their photographs which appear below.

Ten dollars to Thomas Francis and \$10 to Romeo Scerbo for their joint idea: an attachment to a foil cutter which burrs and flattens the piece of tab stock and eliminates one operation.

Thomas Francis has received awards several times as back issues of the LOG will show.

Five dollars to Schuyler Dean for a simplified bearing replacement for the formation machines. This results in simplified maintenance.

Five dollars to Francis Manns for a new method for drilling the angle pieces for the paper-waxing fixtures.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Thomas Francis Schuyler Dean Romeo Scerbo Francis Manns

### NEW MOVES IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

Increase of orders and rearrangement of departments for greater efficiency have caused a few changes not mentioned in our last issue. The Paper Rolling Department is now on the same floor with the cafeteria. New equipment has been installed in the Impregnating Department, causing some rearrangement of the layout. In the Paper Tubular Department there has been an extensive expansion of the assembly positions; while in the Soldering Department there has also been large expansion. Pressure of the times has also caused enlargement of the Engineering, Costs and Methods offices.

### QUIZ PROGRAM ON ICELAND

Who settled Iceland?

The Norsemen or Vikings around 870 A.D.

Where is Iceland?

Two hundred and fifty miles southeast of Greenland, near the Arctic Circle.

How big is Iceland?

A little larger than the State of Indiana.

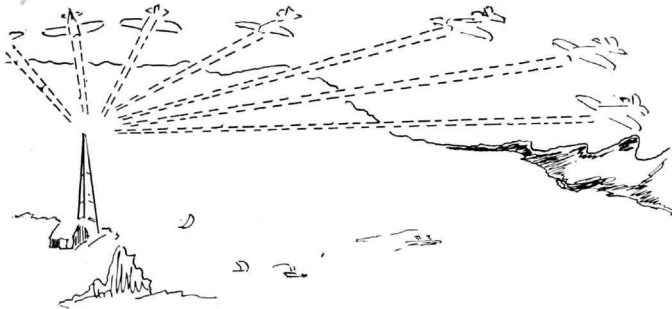
What is its capital city?

Reikjavik, on the southwest coast.

Iceland has a famous literature going back a thousand years. From 1800-1900 there were seventy earthquakes. There are many volcanoes of which at least twenty have erupted in modern times. It has numerous hot springs and geysers; over five thousand square miles of glacier fields; scenery of great natural beauty; scores of fiords, lakes, craters and mountains of considerable height. And as for daylight saving!

## AIRPLANE DETECTION

It helped the British stand off the Luftwaffe last fall. Airplane detection apparatus is based on radio principles. The radial beacons intercept the metal planes at different points on their course and reflect back the position, direction of flight, speed and altitude. This enables the British fighters, pursuit squadrons and interceptors to contact the enemy before they can reach their target.

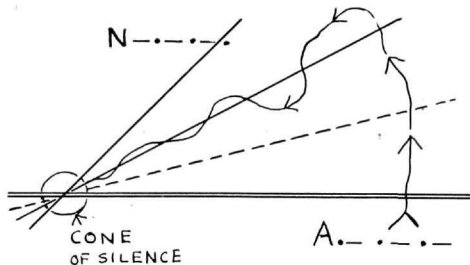


## BLIND FLYING AND THE LINK

Before aviation cadets go up in the air for blind (instrument) flying they first practice in a Link Trainer on the ground. You may have seen one operating at the New York World's Fair. The student is under a hood in the cockpit of what looks like a small, stubby plane mounted on a huge box. At a desk nearby sits the instructor with two-way phones and automatic recording instruments. But let's get the story direct from Pensacola:

*Quotes from Letters of a Naval Aviation Cadet*

"In Squadron Three about a week now, trying to fly these — Link Trainers. All instrument flying. Lots tougher than anything before. I'm gradually improving. The hardest thing is flying straight and level for more than 15 seconds. Seems almost impossible. We get radio beam work and beam bracketing, trying to find the beam, then trying to find which direction it's going, etc. Here's a rough sketch of how it's supposed to be done. On either side you get an A(—) or an N(—) and in the middle a loud noise like a telephone dial tone. Pretty complicated but lots of fun."

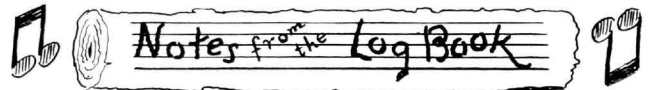


(Later)

"I enclose one of the work sheets in the Link Trainers. We do three an hour. We're started on any one of the quadrants and by listening to the volume of the A or N can find out whether we're on the 275°, the 95°, the 185° or the 5° quadrant bisector. When we have paralleled the bisector and found out which way we're going and in which quadrant we are, then we parallel one of the legs we don't wish to hit, so we can hit the one at right angles to it. When the beam is crossed we turn either right or left, depending on where we are, and get into the beam. Then we have to bracket the beam into the cone. I got the cone all three times. The cone is the silent spot, after which the A and N change. It's all interesting. I ought to be up in the planes (flying by instruments) in a day or two."

(Later)

"Will be down in Miami this time next week. Squadron Three is fun but the hardest (mentally and physically) type of flying we've had so far. Takes so much concentration that only two hours leaves you pretty well satisfied. Weather down here has rain every day. But we all fly in rain or not now. So when we get in a storm the instructor "pops" the hood and we get a chance to really fly on instruments. Usually I can't see beyond the wing tips so things have to be done right."



Rigid inspection is demanded on the large size mica condensers made at the Brown Street plant. They are for use with magnetos for engines on British fighter planes and so are made to their specifications. Production on another British type is planned. The Log hopes to run an article about the Brown Street developments in an early issue.

Just a quotation from an old advertising blotter but it packs a lot of common sense:

"An intelligent first handling often forestalls delays and extra expense in the finished work."

In Boston they have a shell that builds international good will. It's not a shell for destruction. It's the shell, so called, in which the Boston Symphony gives its famous concerts on the esplanade by the Charles River, and brings together over ten thousand music lovers every pleasant summer evening.

Surprising results are being obtained by some companies in the use of substitute materials. Often they prove better than the regular materials, though usually more expensive. Mr. Clark heads up the problems and studies of substitute materials here at Sprague Specialties.

In 1908 and 1912 the New York Americans (now the Yankees) finished in eighth place. So the last shall be first.

Something we all know. We make eight paper condensers to every one electrolytic. And the reason? In general, it is because radio sets use ten paper condensers for every electrolytic; while motors call for one or the other, but not in combination.

Directing a huge orchestra reminds one of directing a large company. Every player does his part; if the director should step down for a while the music could go right along. But the leader is there to see, hear, feel what the whole effect is and how well it is pleasing the audience (customers). He understands the fine points and possibilities of every player and his instrument. That is why he stops every now and then, turning first to one section of the orchestra, then to another, or even to an individual player, urging him to smoother, softer, quicker or heavier action. It is an example of perfect team work. Yet the whole can not be effective unless each plays his part just right.

A nationwide poll as of July 16 ranked radio stars in the following order: Walter Winchell ties for first place with Bob Hope. Fibber McGee second; Jack Benny third.

Ship Ahoy!! Have you seen the new news box in the cafeteria?

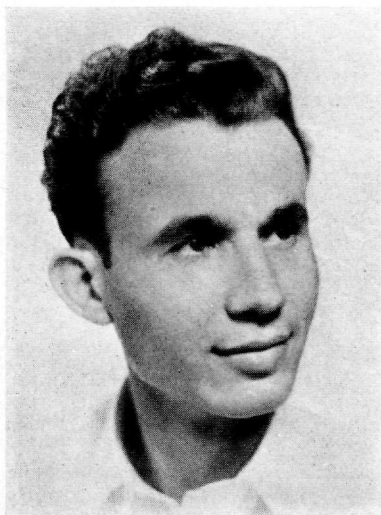
## RIFLE CLUB REPORTS

By Alex Durant

Several of the team took in the Nassau match on June 8. On Sunday July 20 there was a meet at Shelburne Falls open to teams in the Tri-State League. Several Sprague men took part. The course was 20 shots at 50 yards, and 20 shots at 100 yards. The indoor shooting will not start again until later in September.



SPRAGUE AND SHELBURNE RIFLE TEAMS on the line May 24. Frank Chilson in foreground. Johnny Camadine, next to Chilson, took high honors for the Sprague Club. Below, Frank Chilson, Jr. looks as though he had just scored a bullseye.



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Dr. John Burnham

On the twenty-third day of August in 1911 at Clima, Mexico, about one hundred twenty miles from Mexico City, near the western coastline, our company expert on electrolytic condensers first saw the light of day. And it must have been under a lucky star, both for him and for the Sprague Specialties Company.

After eight years in Clima he found himself in grammar school in El Paso, Texas. Next he hopped to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he attended boarding school until he was sixteen. And it was here he started on a period of eleven years, during which he earned all his expenses while attending school, college and university. At the boarding school he early became an expert at milking cows, also doing general farm work, maintenance and construction work and vegetable gardening.

Then he went to Pomona College in Southern California on a scholarship, receiving the A.B. degree in 1932 after majoring in Physical Chemistry in a Liberal Arts course. So successful was he, that before graduating from Pomona he was awarded a fellowship for graduate study in chemistry. Instead of going abroad, as originally planned, Dr. Burnham decided to go to Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, where he spent two full summers and four full years of study until August, 1936. Dr. Burnham captured the E. C. Franklin competitive appointment as Research Fellow in Chemistry which he held during his third year at the University. During his fourth year he was employed as Research Fellow by the University. During his first two years he received the degree of M.A. from Leland Stanford.

Characteristic of his practical idealism, Dr. Burnham has preferred to accumulate the day-to-day results of his researches with the Sprague Specialties Company and independent studies in the field of physical chemistry as the basis of his formal dissertation, rather than offer the University a theoretical thesis written as a student.

While at Stanford Dr. Burnham became acquainted with Dr. Koenig, who specialized in the field of thermo-dynamics applied to dielectrics. Dr. Robinson knew of Dr. Koenig's work in this field, and desiring to secure a young man familiar with the subject, wrote Dr. Koenig who immediately recommended Dr. Burnham.

So that is how Dr. John Burnham came to the Sprague Company in the summer of 1936. And if you know Dr. Burnham, you know why he is still here. Modest, straightforward, alert and keen every minute, he is day and night studying ways and means for improving Sprague products and methods of manufacture, for solving Sprague problems and for stepping up Sprague progress.

Much of his time is given to the study of competitive foils and films. Among many things Dr. Burnham has, with the coöperation of various men in the plant, changed the process of etching the foil so as to produce a uniformly good film. He has also been active in changing the method of foil formation. This involved redesigning the forming machines and establishing new types of controls for the solution used in the formation.

With all this Dr. Burnham is an all round man, a coming tennis player, skier and a good horseback rider. The latter he learned out in California's Yosemite Valley where he worked during vacations

while a student. And how did we discover this? By asking where he first met the charming Mrs. John Burnham. "Oh, that was in the Yosemite Valley where I worked during school vacations."

When the winter drifts pile up, off goes John Burnham on his skis. His hobby is cross-country skiing in company with Doc Robinson and Odvar Ness. We must have their picture next winter. And when he settles down for the evening at home, or lays aside his studies of the latest wrinkles in electrolytics, he reads Spanish, French and German with the greatest of ease, speaking Spanish and French fluently.

We imagine this story of Dr. Burnham could include a lot more of interest along the way if there were more space and time. Perhaps he will let us have Chapter II a little later. Then he can tell us some of the most exciting moments in his career. Just one we shall mention now. Three years ago he flew to California in seventeen hours, was married on October 8, made the return trip in fourteen days.

#### WILL RADIO WIN THE WAR?

Radio is all-important in maintaining contact, issuing orders, reforming plans, reporting on enemy locations, overhearing enemy orders. This is specially so when we think of the vast areas throughout which fast pre-planned action is taking place at the same moment. Never true in former wars, these conditions may well mean radio during the next years, months or even weeks may win the war.

#### D. C. ROLLING DEPARTMENT

Reporter, Edna Laliberte

JANET PRATT spent a week's vacation at Mohawk Park.

DAISY MAJOR stayed a week at her camp in Cheshire.

ISABELLE PAQUETTE chose Hampton Beach, N. H. for her vacation.

HARVEY and ANGIE DEGRENIER recently visited in New York City.

TERESA DESNOYERS has returned from a trip to Canada.

JOHN KOPEC was another of the many Sprague workers who spent their vacations at Hampton Beach.

MIKE and BEE PIERCE, RITA MANCINI and EDNA LALIBERT visited our National Guardsmen at Camp Edwards the week-end of June 23.

Old Orchard Beach in Maine was the vacation spot for MARY RICHARDELLO.

EILEEN BUNTING and GLORIA WILLIAMS spent the week of July 14 at Syracuse, N. Y.

#### PAPER ROLLING DEPARTMENT

Reporter Rachel Godbout

GLADWYN PANDELL spent his vacation at Wells Beach, Maine.

MARY TROIA visited Washington, D. C.

HELEN SIKORA went to Maine for a week.

HELEN ROSS spent a week in New York City.

ETHEL LEMOINE and LESA DANIELS went to Highgate, Vt.

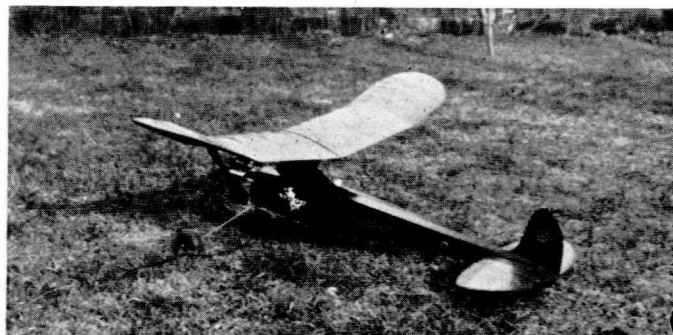
MARY GIRARD spent July 4 at Niagara Falls.

EMMA PUDLO vacationed in Canada.

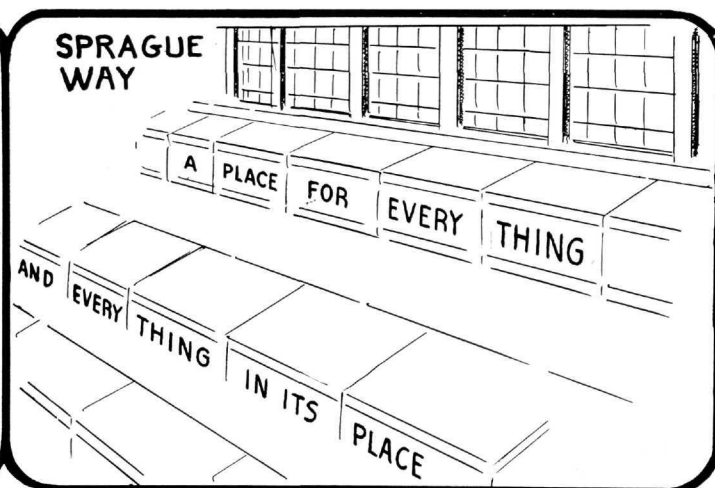
RACHEL GODBOUT and VIOLA DUPUIS visited Niagara Falls.

RITA MAYNARD motored to Canada.

PHILOMENA NIMMONS, VI BARBEAU, and DOT MEIKLEJOHN also have enjoyed vacations recently.



JOHN JANUSKA of the Etching Department makes a hobby of building and flying model planes. Here is a snapshot of one he is entering in a meet on July 20, 1941 at Albany, N. Y. It is powered with gasoline motor. Its gas tank carries one-fourth ounce of gas, good for a ten minute flight at the rate of 2,000 feet per minute.



### PLAN YOUR WORK, THEN WORK YOUR PLAN

Today's defense program can only be a success if each and every citizen makes himself just as efficient and thoughtful as possible, in the training camp, office, or home.

BETTER PLANNING, according to Mr. Carey, is essential on the part of all hands, from the first acceptance of an order clear through to delivery. First of all, consideration must be given to the many difficulties in the way of securing materials; how to get them in sufficient quantity, in proper quality, and on time. Next the materials control group should have all parts properly stocked and inventoried. The production department should have its tools, jigs, fixtures, equipment and floor space in good order and ready working condition at all times. Good housekeeping, as you might call it, is of prime importance. Things should always be kept in their proper place, where they can be found on a moment's notice. In a word, neatness.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

By each one "sticking to his knitting" day in and day out. No doubt each one of us often wonders how he can best help in the immense program facing our nation. By sticking on the job. It takes much money, equipment, financial and plant investment, as well as a large technical staff, special research and tireless planning to keep a plant like Sprague Specialties moving along at top pace under these difficult rush times. To do our individual part calls for a deep personal interest in the success of the whole organization. Our plant quotas call for the delivery of just so many of each item per month, per week and per day. It is only by uninterrupted attention, day after day, on the part of each member, no matter what his job, that we can help put over Uncle Sam's biggest job in this history of this great country.

### KEEP 'EM FLYING!

That's the slogan of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Keep 'em flying! And we can take it for our own ambition, too. Every single working day we can do our part to "keep 'em flying" by being on the job — alert and eager to turn out the very best work we can, to contribute just as near one hundred per cent attendance as possible, in order to show the world that the American way is the best way. For in this country we leave it up to every individual, up to his conscience and to his loyalty, to see that production reaches "tops" in quality as well as in quantity.

### IMPREGNATING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Reporter Dot Bliss

- June 30 CHARLES McNULTY spent a week in Bennington, Vt.
- June 30 PAT BENINCASA spent his week out in Greenfield, Mass. While there he attended the Moose Convention.
- June 21 Thirty members of the department enjoyed a picnic at Mohawk Park in the afternoon and evening.
- July 4 ART and DORIS CARON spent a week-end at Lake Champlain.
- July 4 CELIA SZUFNAROWSKI spent the week-end in Hartford, Conn.
- July 8 Forty members of the department had a hot dog roast and spaghetti supper at Taconic Park.
- July 12 RUSS and MARY COMEAU left for vacation at Lake Champlain.

### BOXING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Reporter Ida Lovett

LAURA ROY and her husband, GERTRUDE and ROBERT MANNS motored to Canada July 4.

MARY BELLOWES spent the Fourth with her husband, Sergeant Bellows, at Camp Edwards.

BLANCHE SMITH went to Utica, N. Y. over the Fourth.

EVELYN ROBINSON has been camping at Somerset, Vt.

VIOLA LAUTH went to Connecticut for July 4.

EUGENE MARCEAU, ALFRED PETERS, and ADAM NOWAK spent the Fourth in Canada, fishing.

AGNES L'ECUYER spent the week of July 7 on a motor trip to Canada.

ANNE ST. LAURENT also spent the week of July 7 in Canada.

MELVIN LILLIE went to Wells Beach in Maine the same week.

ANNE SWEENEY visited Lake Champlain the first week of July.

STAFFORD LEWIS stayed at Lake St. Catherine for a week recently.

ANDREW MONTGOMERY took his vacation the week of July 14.

EDNA JONES camped at Windsor Pond in Plainfield during her vacation.

The week of July 14 was chosen by VICTORIA PEVOSKI for her vacation.

DORA and FRANCIS MANNS spent the week-end of July 4 in Boston, Mass.

EVELYN DICK was among the many from North Adams who attended the Moose Convention in Greenfield the week of June 30.

LAURA STRANGE was in Boston over the Fourth.

DELLA ATWOOD spent her vacation at Lake Buell.

STANLEY ZIAJA and ADAM NOWAK are fishing at Lake Champlain.

LILLIAN and BOB BOYER are spending their vacations in Detroit, Mich.

MARY FULGINITI is in Boston for the week.

MARY MONTAGNA is at Myrtle Beach, Hartford, Conn.

EUGENE MARCEAU is camping in Maine.

"PAT" PITANIELLO is vacationing at Myrtle Beach, Hartford, Conn.

DORA and FRANCIS MANNS and CARL and CLARA PERRY are touring Canada and Maine.

FLORENCE BEAUDIN is also in Maine for the week.

EDITH ROY is dividing her week between New York and Connecticut.

CLIFFORD and JEANETTE ROY and HELENE GAYDA and her husband spent the week of July 21 motoring through Maine.

These new "Soundies" sound all right to us. Miniature movie screen and Juke Box combined. Mostly "seen and heard" in restaurants. Anyway, the research department says they must use condensers.

### JACK SAYS

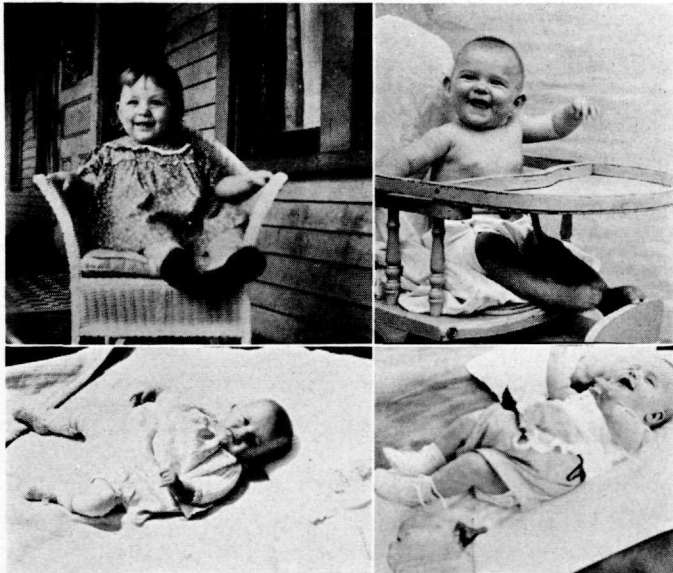
P-I-e-a-s-e, when you line up with your check for the pay-off try to get the knack of handing it in right side up and right end to, so it can be quickly read, handled and filed. This will save minutes for you as well as for Sprague Specialties.



VIRGINIA ROBSON AND PAUL BELANGER, who were married on June 16, 1941, are both employed at Sprague Specialties



A MEMORABLE BIRTHDAY PARTY for Florence Raczká of the Paper Rolling Department. Florence is cutting the cake. Seated left to right are Janet Roy and Dolores Davis. Standing, left to right, are Vi Barbeau, Helen Diesz, Helen Sikora, Noella O'Dell, Stephania Nowak, Verna Bombardier, Eva Daldoss and Irene Sweeney.



A GALLERY OF ROGUISH SMILES. Upper left, Catherine, daughter of Helen Ross of the Paper Rolling Department. Upper right, Carolyn, daughter of Florence Zwiercan, Paper Assembly. Lower left, Dennis, son of Julius and Rita Pedrin, who both work at Sprague Specialties. Lower right, Christine Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Smith. Daddy is in the Drafting Department.

Pictures are still worth a thousand words; maybe that's why baby pictures speak to us with so much appeal. Anyway, keep sending in your snapshots or other photos. Contributors of "guess-who" pictures are urged to send in any "antiques" they have as soon as possible.

## Engagements

GERTRUDE LEFEBVRE of Paper Assembly and ADOLPHUS FIELDS of Can Shop announce that their wedding will be September 6, 1941.

EUNICE MAGNANI of the Can Shop announces that her wedding to Philip Gentile, not employed here, will take place August 2.

NORMAN CHAMPAGNE of the K.V.A. Department is engaged to marry Sophie Rusek, not employed here. The wedding date is not yet set.

IRENE ROBERTS of Retail Sales announces that her wedding will take place in the near future to Raymond Fischlein, not employed here.

In September PHILOMENA DI LORENZO of the Paper Assembly Department will wed Steve Smachetti of Adams, not employed here.

Not far off is the wedding of Lillian Dziok, not employed here and LAWRENCE DAIGNAULT who is employed in our Can Shop.

## WEDDING BELLS

ROY GUILLET, employed in the office here, and Adele Hill of the Woolworth Company were married in the Baptist Church on Independence Day, July 4.

On July 5, in the Methodist Church in Bennington, Vt., GLADYS ST. JOHN of our Brown Street Division was married to Private ESMOND O'NEILL, who was formerly in the D. C. Rolling Department.

HERMAN ARCHAMBAULT of K. V. A. was joined in marriage at Pownal, Vt. with Emma Hunt, not employed here. The date was July 26, 1941.

On July 27, 1941 JOSEPHINE SCARFONE of Paper Assembly wedded Frank DiLego, not employed here, at the Universalist Church.

RITA MANCINI of the Paper Test Department became the bride of Staff Sergeant CHARLES BELOUIN, formerly Check Inspector, on August 2.

On August 2, 1941, Exilda DeGrenier, who is not employed here, was married in Notre Dame Church to LAWRENCE BEAUCHAMP of our K. V. A. Department.

At St. Anthony Church, on August 2, 1941, JOSEPHINE PEDRIN of Paper Test was married to Edward Waryjasz, who is not employed here.

EUNICE MAGNANI of the Can Shop was married on August 2, 1941 to Philip Gentile, who is not employed here.

## RECENTLY ARRIVED!

On May 25 last, Lucy Ann was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simonelli. Her mother is known in Paper Assembly as ANTOINETTE.

Ellen Mae was born on July 12, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. George Rohane are the proud parents. Ellen's mother, MARIE, is employed in Paper Assembly.

ROY and MARGARET COOK of the Final Test Department are rejoicing in the birth of a son, Robert Bruce, who arrived on July 17.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martinelli on July 18, 1941. Her mother is OLGA of the Boxing Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Larese announce the birth of a son on July 23, 1941. The mother is IRENE of the Brown Street Division.

July 25, 1941, a son, Leonard Harold, arrived to greet his proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olson. His mother is PHYLLIS of the Sample Department.

Recently arrived is a son, on July 26, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dingus. His mother is LILLIAN, formerly of the Paper Assembly.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- June 27 BOB and Mrs. Bishop celebrated their nineteenth.
- July 6 RUSS and MARY COMEAU celebrated their twelfth.
- July 10 HARVEY and ANGIE DEGRENIER were married four years.
- July 11 Mr. and Mrs. BRUNO MALNATI celebrated their fifth. Mrs. Malnati is Merall of Paper Rolling Department.
- July 16 HAROLD and ROMA SWEENEY observed their third.



SOFTBALL TEAM

Back row, left to right: "Duda" Sanecki, George Zoltek, James Heelan, Teddy Wilk, "Mike" Pierce, George Benoit, George Scarbo, George Roy, Louis Vincelette (bat boy).

Front row, left to right: "Ace" Blanchard, William Landry, "Hank" Gamari, Nelson Roy, "Pat" Sanecki, John Kopec. "Sam" Dean and Jimmie Zabek were on the team but were not present when the picture was taken.

## SOFTBALL

Reported by S. L. Gamari, July 18, 1941

The Sprague softball team, which again is a member of the Northern Berkshire Softball League, is currently running in second place. The league is composed of the following teams:

McKinley Square of Adams, Sprague Specialties Co., Corner Cafe. Simons of Adams, Y. M. C. A., Shamrocks.

The Sprague outfit: Pat Sanecki, Duda Sanecki, Nelson Roy, Hank Gamari, Manager Bill Landry, Ted Wilk, Ace Blanchard, John Kopec, Jim Zabek, Mike Pierce, George Scarbo, George Roy, George Benoit, George Zoltek, and Jim Heelan.

## A Winning Streak

In the first game of the season Sprague got off on the right foot when they defeated McKinley Square, last years' champs, 6-5. George Roy did the pitching, while Bill Landry stole home with the winning run. In the next game Sprague won again by the margin of one run, winning over Simon's 10-9. Pierce and Benoit pitched and Landry did the receiving. Zoltek's and Blanchard's hittings featured.

For their third straight victory the Sprague lads defeated the Y. M. C. A. 2-0. Pat and Dudy featured this game by hitting home runs. George Benoit was the winning pitcher. The fourth game scored another win for Spragues. The Y. M. C. A. lost 8-6. George Roy pitched the victory with Landry catching. P. Sanecki's and Gamari's clouting were outstanding. Then the winning streak stopped. McKinley Square taking Sprague's measure 8-3. George Roy and Bill Landry were the batteries.

## A Double Header

In a double header with the Corner Cafe, the Sprague boys split the twin bill. They lost the first game 13-4 and won the second tilt 9-2. Benoit and George Roy twirled the first game with Landry and Scarbo doing the catching. Benoit pitched the second game, putting Sprague team back in the win column. Bill Landry was his battery mate. Nel Roy and Hank Gamari were the hitters.

## A Close Race at Halfway Mark

In the next game the Sprague boys defeated McKinley Square 4-2. George Roy did the fancy twirling, allowing the opponents four hits. Their two runs were unearned. On July 21 Sprague beat Y. M. C. A. and the final standing at the half-way mark is McKinley Drug .850 and Sprague .785 with Corner Cafe third at .570.

**Correction:** In the last issue the story on the Baseball Team was entitled SOFTBALL. Chalk up an error for the proofreaders whose fielding average is pretty close to .985 most of the time.

Maybe we are missing some interesting minor sports reports. What about horse shoe pitching, archery, golf driving and hiking trips? News items about your records in these or other sports and recreations will be greatly appreciated.

## SPRAGUE OUTFIT HANDS SOUND DEFEAT TO GALE

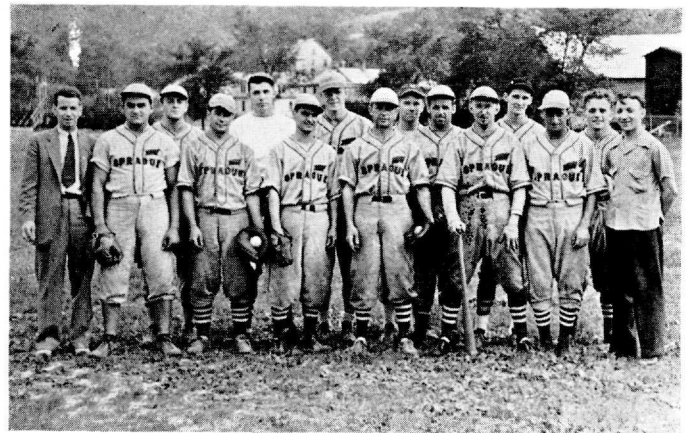
### Shows Real Speed in Game Played July 21

SPRAGUE							GALE						
	ab	r	h	po	a	e		ab	r	h	po	a	e
Robert, 3b, c.	5	2	3	2	0	0	Girardi, rf.	3	0	1	1	1	0
Nagel, ss.	5	1	3	4	3	0	Accetta, 1b.	3	0	0	7	0	1
Russell, lf.	4	1	2	0	0	0	Mahoney, lf.	2	0	0	2	1	0
Daniels, cf.	3	1	2	2	0	0	Davis, ss.	3	0	0	2	1	0
Foot, 1b.	3	1	0	5	0	1	Perite, p., cf.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Kately, rf.	4	1	2	2	0	0	Bernardi, rf, c.	1	1	0	5	0	1
Miliszewski, 2b	3	2	1	0	1	1	Champagne, p.c.	3	0	1	2	0	1
Odell, c.	3	0	0	5	0	0	Gallagher, 2b.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Galipeau, p.	3	2	1	1	3	0	Donega, p, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Robinson, 3b.	1	1	0	0	0	0							
	34	12	14	21	7	2		24	1	2	21	6	3

Spragues	3	0	0	5	0	1	3	—	12
Gales	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1

The present standing of the league as submitted by President Eddie Stevenson follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Arnold	7	3	.700
Gale	5	4	.555
Greylock	6	5	.545
Sprague	2	10	.166



BASEBALL TEAM

Front row: Manager Walt Carpenter, "Pickle" Thomas, Walt O'Dell, Kenny Russell, Ness Roberts, George Scarbo, Frank Santelli, Johnny Puppola, Coach.

Rear row: Bob Galipeau, Dixie Daniels, Red Mileszewski, Bill Watts, Pinky Sherman, Walt Kately, Rosie Farinon.



SMACK! THERE IT GOES!

Walt Kately at bat. Ernest Roberts, Sprague, coaching at third. "Boy" Champagne, Gale, catching.

# Vacation **LIFE** Snapshots Tell of Happy Days!



THESE ARE THE FOUR MEYETTE SISTERS. They all work at the plant and their names are, left to right: Daisy Major, Evelyn Milesi, Ruth Arrighini, Irene Meyette.



THE IMPREGNATING DEPARTMENT PICNIC (right) was attended by Jean McNulty, Celia Szufnarowski, Dot Bliss, Doris Caron (all kneeling) and (standing) Harold Sweeney, Eddy Tessier, Charles McNulty, Armond Vincelette.

THE PRETUNER OUTING at Taconic Park on June 21 included Helen Scarfone, Teresa Landry, Pearl Damon, Dot Dupuis, Marion LePage, Ruby Cross, Stella Beauchamp, Helen O'Brien, Douglas Pinsonneault, Pearly King, Marshall King, Jerome Cross.



GERT MANNS AND LAURA ROY pause for refreshments while on their vacation trip in Canada.

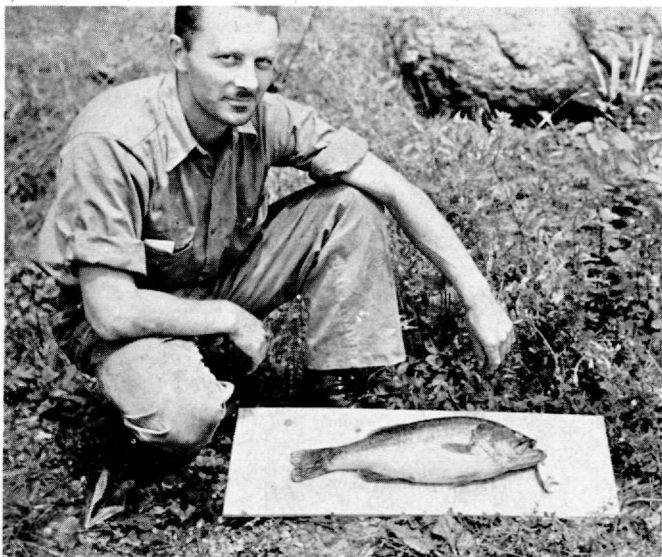
## Log-a-Rhythm

Reckon God got kinda careless  
 When he made New England hills,  
 Left things lyin' round in patches . . . minus frills.  
 Must have been nigh on to evenin',  
 Well nigh on to six o'clock,  
 Cause he left the ragged pastures . . . full o' rock.  
 But he done the right thing by 'em  
 When he made the Old Bay State,  
 With her Cape and rock-bound coastline  
 . . . she will rate  
 Right up fust place in the nation,  
 If you git a chance don't fail  
 To tramp the grand Old Berkshires  
 . . . and the Mohawk Trail.

— Written for the "Log"



JULIUS AND CHRISTINE LINCOLN with rod, reel and creel have picked themselves a lovely setting for a beautiful photograph.



Here's CARL PERRY and he isn't stretching it a bit. It's a large mouth Oswego Bass, twenty-one inches long, six pounds, and he landed it at Pontoon Lake in Pittsfield, Mass.



GUESS WHO. Boy at left now works on office floor. Top right, works in Paper Assembly. Bottom right, boy on extreme right now in K.V.A.